

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:.

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method of broadcasting multimedia data files, during a video conference established between a sending ~~terminal~~ device and one or more receiving terminals, these terminals being equipped with audio and video sources, the method comprising

negotiating, while the video conference communication is being established between the sending ~~terminal~~ device and said one or more receiving terminals at least one communication parameter including a video coding standard;

mixing in real time in the sending ~~terminal~~ device, the video issuing from a multimedia file with the video issuing from the video capture source, in response to an action performed by a participant via a user interface of said sending ~~terminal~~ device to broadcast said multimedia file;

broadcasting by the sending ~~terminal~~ device, through the audio and video channels opened for said communication according to the negotiated at least one communication parameter and without disrupting the communication, the mixed video resulting from the mixing and coded according to said video coding standard, in replacement of the video issuing from the video capture source of the sending ~~terminal~~ device, and the audio issuing from the audio source of the sending ~~terminal~~ device.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A method of broadcasting files during a video conference according to Claim 14, wherein another parameter negotiated is a bandwidth

allocated for the audio and video channels of the video conference communication, the multimedia files being broadcast in compliance with the bandwidth.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A method of broadcasting files during a video conference according to Claim 14, wherein other negotiated parameters include frequencies of the audio and video streams of the streams captured by the audio and video capture sources, the multimedia files being broadcast in compliance with the frequencies.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A method of broadcasting files during a video conference according to Claim 14, wherein another negotiated parameter is the frame size of the broadcast images, the resulting mixed video issuing from the video capture sources and from a multimedia file complying with the negotiated size.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A method of broadcasting files during a video conference according to Claim 14, wherein another negotiated parameter is the audio coding standard to be applied to the bit streams of the audio capture sources, the audio bit streams of a multimedia file being coded according to the negotiated audio coding standard.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A method of broadcasting files during a video conference according to Claim 14, wherein another negotiated parameter is the audio coding standard to be applied to the bit streams of the audio capture sources, the audio data of a multimedia file to be broadcast being mixed in real time with the audio data issuing from the audio capture source of the sending ~~terminal~~ device and then coded according to the negotiated audio coding standard.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method of broadcasting files during a video conference according to Claim 14, wherein the broadcasting is implemented by a program whose execution is launched by a user interface of the sending ~~terminal~~ device.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A computer ~~terminal~~ device comprising means for implementing a video conference during which ~~this terminal~~ the device proceeds with a broadcasting of data files according to Claim 14, the ~~terminal~~ device comprising an interface provided with graphical representation means for displaying several windows, including

a first window for displaying, during a video conference communication, a video image broadcasted to one or more distant terminals and

at least one second window for displaying at least one video image issuing from a distant terminal,

wherein said graphical representation means displays at least one other window for revealing multimedia files available from the terminal,

said interface also comprising a logic module providing coupling between

an operation of selecting a file and of moving in the second window and

the launch by the video conference means of a program allowing the broadcast of a selected file in real time with the current video conference communication, without disrupting the communication and by using the audio and video channels opened for this communication.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A computer ~~terminal~~ device according to Claim 21, wherein the user interface is implemented by a computer program launched by the video conference means.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): A computer readable storage medium encoded with computer program instruction which when executed by each terminal participating in a video conference, implements the broadcasting method according to any one of Claims 14-20 and in that its execution is launched by a man/machine interface located in each terminal.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A computer ~~terminal~~ device comprising means for implementing a video conference established between said computer ~~terminal~~ device and one or more receiving terminals, these terminals being equipped with audio and video sources, said computer ~~terminal~~ device comprising

means for negotiating, while the video conference communication is being established between said computer ~~terminal~~ device and said one or more receiving terminals, of at least one communication parameter including a video coding standard;

means for mixing in real time the video issuing from a multimedia file with the video issuing from the video capture source, in response to an action performed by a participant by means of a user interface of said computer terminal so as to broadcast said multimedia file;

means for broadcasting, through the audio and video channels opened for said communication according to the negotiated at least one communication parameter and without disrupting the communication, the mixed video produced by the mixing means and coded according to said video coding standard, in replacement of the video issuing from the video capture source of said computer terminal, and the audio issuing from the audio source of said computer ~~terminal~~ device.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A computer ~~terminal~~ device according to Claim 24, wherein another negotiated parameter is the audio coding standard to be applied to the bit streams of the audio capture sources, said computer terminal comprising

means for mixing the audio data of a multimedia file to be broadcast in real time with the audio data issuing from the audio capture source of said computer ~~terminal~~ device,

means for coding the mixed audio data according to the negotiated audio coding standard, and

means for broadcasting the coded audio data through the audio channel opened for said communication.